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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 01-Mar-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK		
	03/01/08	02/23/08		
Broiler/fryer	166,086	165,428		
Light hens	1,353	1,175		
Heavy hens	1,543	1,539		

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA ***DATA FOR THE WEEKENDING***

WEEK ENDING 16-Feb-08 (THOUSAND HEAD) LIGHT HENS HEAVY HENS TOTAL 281 0 281 Head Head sltr Comparisons Last Week 310 0 310 Same week yr ago 240 0 240 To-date/2008 1,988 1,984 4 To-date/2007 14 1,436 1,450

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,596	1,576	3,172
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,630	1,568	3,198
Same week yr ago	1,345	1,327	2,672
To-date/2008	11,759	10,235	21,994
To-date/2007	9,029	9,489	18,518

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION WEEK ENDING 23-Feb-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	CHICKENS	HENS	HENS	HENS
Head	166,700	1,204	1,546	2,750
Avg Wt	5.54	3.70	7.98	6.11
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	163,748	1,315	1,576	2,891
Same wk yr ago	159,231	1,142	1,427	2,569
Avg Wt	5.21	3.29	7.92	5.86
To-date/2008	1,294,678	10,979	11,777	22,756
To-date/2007	1,236,197	8,735	10,902	19,637

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based 168.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 168.7 million head, or 0.2 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 23-Feb-08

	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	
	4.25 lbs	4.26 -	6.26 -	7.76 lbs	
	& down	6.25 lbs	7.75 lbs	& up	Total
Head	43,371	80,947	24,199	18,183	166,700
Avg Live Wgt	3.91	5.40	6.89	8.25	5.54
% of total /1	26%	49%	14%	11%	100%
Last week	42,681	75,855	25,987	19,225	163,748
Avg Live Wgt	3.70	5.39	6.40	8.59	5.57
% of total /1	26%	46%	16%	12%	100%
Year Ago 2/	48,741	81,521	18,231	10,738	159,231
Avg Live Wgt	3.63	5.42	6.81	8.13	5.21
% of total /1	31%	51%	11%	7%	100%
To date/2008	347,181	619,896	192,470	135,132	1,294,679
To date/2007	337,510	658,658	149,964	90,065	

- /1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.
- /2 Comparable week.

Weight Class Description:

- (A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens.
- (B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms.
- (C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors.
- (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 23-Feb-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD		
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	TOTAL	
Head	2,051	2,735	8	2	4,796	
Avg Wt	16.19	39.08	24.57	33.49	29.26	
Head sltr comparisons						
Last week	1,922	2,701	10	26	4,659	
Same wk yr ago	1,915	2,566	7	5	4,493	
Avg Wt	17.06	38.34	20.01	29.90	29.23	
To-date/2008	14,783	22,048	108	69	37,008	
To-date/2007	14,238	19,855	101	28	34,220	

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (404) 562-5850.